

**To:** Hawthorne, Daniel[Hawthorne.Daniel@epa.gov]  
**From:** Ostrander, David  
**Sent:** Wed 8/19/2015 11:50:47 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Gold King Mine

We are at the La Plata county fairgrounds on the north side of town at 25th street

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 18, 2015, at 10:06 PM, Hawthorne, Daniel <[Hawthorne.Daniel@epa.gov](mailto:Hawthorne.Daniel@epa.gov)> wrote:

Also, where is your Operations Center located? Still unfamiliar with the area.

Thank you.

Dan

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 18, 2015, at 9:55 PM, Ostrander, David <[Ostrander.David@epa.gov](mailto:Ostrander.David@epa.gov)> wrote:

We are around and have a scheduled visit from the State AGs from CO and UT (and maybe NM). There is very limited capacity for personnel for site tours and we need to make arrangements ahead of time. After tomorrow afternoon, the road will be under construction and the mine site may not be available for some time (hours, days??) If you just want to interview Steve or myself we can talk about scheduling. The AGs are coming around noon to the site and we expect to spend 3 plus hours on the tour. There is no cell service up in this area so we will be out of contact all afternoon.

I will be around in the morning if you wish to call, but am heading up to Silverton around 9:30.

Thanks

Sent from my iPad

On Aug 18, 2015, at 5:55 PM, Hawthorne, Daniel <[Hawthorne.Daniel@epa.gov](mailto:Hawthorne.Daniel@epa.gov)> wrote:

Evening sir,

Some of the flights in were initially diverted due to cross winds. Waiting on their arrival now.

What might availability be looking like for tomorrow?

Dan

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 18, 2015, at 5:51 PM, Ostrander, David <[Ostrander.David@epa.gov](mailto:Ostrander.David@epa.gov)> wrote:

Dan, I had heard you were coming to the site today but didn't here from you. Are you planning a site visit and meeting with EPA in the near future? We really need to schedule in advance because of site logistics.

Thanks.

David

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 16, 2015, at 5:51 PM, Way, Steven <[way.steven@epa.gov](mailto:way.steven@epa.gov)> wrote:

Dan,

The follow two contractor personnel were onsite on Wednesday, August 5 and the previous weeks. They were both present at the Gold King Mine. They will be both be present in Silverton working on the project next week (Aug 17<sup>th</sup> week).

Matt Francis, Response Manager for Environmental Restoration: 303-

Personal Phone/Ex. 6

Elliott Petri, Engineer – Weston Solutions (START contractor Region 8) : 303-729-6156 (w) Personal Phone/Ex. 6 (c)

In addition, the State personnel from DRMS who were onsite on August

5<sup>th</sup> will also be in town some or most of next.

Allen Sorenson, Engineer: [Personal Phone/Ex. 6] (c)

Bruce Stover, Geologist 303-866-3567 x 8146 / [Personal Phone/Ex. 6]  
[Personal Phone/Ex. 6] (c)

Hopefully, that's what you need for now, and we'll talk in the next day or so I assume.

Steve

Steven Way

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**From:** Hawthorne, Daniel

**Sent:** Sunday, August 16, 2015 4:59 PM

**To:** Ostrander, David

**Cc:** Hestmark, Martin; Braun, Richard; Way, Steven; Griswold, Hays; Williams, Laura

**Subject:** RE: Gold King Mine

Thank you, sir.

I sent an email to Mr. Way, so hopefully he can provide additional names.

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Mr. Griswold – if you happen to have additional names and associated POC information, I would greatly appreciate the help.

Daniel T. Hawthorne, CFE

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Sorry for not responding as I was hoping someone with more information would respond. EPA was represented by Hays Griswold, OSC. Our contractors had several representatives on site, I believe from both START and ERRS. Colorado Division of Reclamation and Mine Safety had representative(s) on site that day but we're not at the mine site when the water release occurred. Hays or maybe Steve Way will have to answer more.

Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 13, 2015, at 5:19 PM, Hawthorne, Daniel  
<[Hawthorne.Daniel@epa.gov](mailto:Hawthorne.Daniel@epa.gov)> wrote:

Mr. Braun was of tremendous assistance.

Thank you, Martin.

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Saw that Richard was working this so assume you need nothing from me.

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On Aug 13, 2015, at 3:51 PM, Hawthorne, Daniel  
<[Hawthorne.Daniel@epa.gov](mailto:Hawthorne.Daniel@epa.gov)> wrote:

Thank you, sir.

I will check with Mr. Braun.

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On Aug 13, 2015, at 3:03 PM, Hawthorne, Daniel  
<[Hawthorne.Daniel@epa.gov](mailto:Hawthorne.Daniel@epa.gov)> wrote:

Good afternoon Gentlemen,

I spoke with Shaun on the phone just before he boarded his flight from Durango back to Denver. Among the questions I posed to him was the contract number associated with the assessment of the Gold King Mine. He did not have that information off the top of his head. He mentioned both of your names during the call as being/having been onsite. By any chance do either of you know the contract number under which the assessment was being completed?

Thanks.

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